

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Major T. G. Stevenson of Ionia visited his niece, Mrs. M. E. Peck on Monday.

Mrs. Grace S. Moore of Grand Rapids arrived in Belding for a week end visit with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Peck. Labor day at the Empress theater, Mae Marsh in "All Woman," one of the fine Goldwyn pictures.

Rest at the Empress theater on Labor day and see "All o'mn" featuring Mae Marsh.

Mary Pickford is coming to the Empress theater on Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6 in one of the best plays she ever produced—"Stella Maria." She does wonderful work in this and you will more than enjoy "Little Mary."

Mary Pickford in "Stella Maria" at Empress theater, September 5 and 6. Greenville fair next week, Sept. 3 to 6. Everybody is going.

Mrs. Edith Coates and daughter Lillian and Miss Agnes Noble went to Lowell Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of their sister, Mrs. Lyle Dennick.

Mrs. I. L. Every went to Jackson Tuesday to attend the Every family reunion and visit a few days with relatives.

Miss Nan Corwin left here Tuesday on a business trip to Grand Rapids and Detroit.

Miss Ella Cutler of Detroit who has been here several days visiting at the home of W. C. Whitney, left here Tuesday for a visit with friends at Gull Lake.

This is rheumatism weather, and Wortley & French, the druggists, are having a large sale on Rheuma, the one remedy for this disease sold on a guarantee of money back if it fails. Start using it today.—Adv.

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BELDING BUILDING and LOAN ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Fred McCloy and two children of Fairgrove came Monday to visit a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bailey.

Misses Florence Neveer and Margaret Laux were Grand Rapids visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Whitney left Tuesday for a ten days' visit with friends at Gull Lake, Richland and Kalamazoo.

Miss Winifred Thompson and Lena Russell spent Tuesday and Tuesday night with friends in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Eva Joslyn went to Grand Lodge Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Pratt.

Wm. Ralph of Lansing visited at the home of Bert Taylor from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed. Mosher and son, Charles, went to Orleans Tuesday to visit with friends.

A. Doyle went to Ionia Tuesday on business.

Mrs. G. W. Helens of Mt. Pleasant, who had been here ten days visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ollie Taft, left Tuesday for Lansing where she will visit with another sister, Mrs. Taft accompanied her to Lansing for a few days' visit with relatives.

Miss Isabelle Jennings of Hinkley, Minn., is a guest at the home of her cousin, J. B. Essex and wife. First meeting in their lives and Miss Jennings' first visit to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bignell and two children of Grand Rapids and Will Weeks of Parnell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Bignell and family and while in the city they also called on ye editor and wife. Mr. Bignell is a son of the late Charles Bignell, formerly foreman and right hand man on the good old Belding News and it is almost like seeing Charley back, to see Ross.

Mrs. W. S. Ellis of Grand Rapids returned home Tuesday after visiting six weeks at the homes of E. J. Knapp and L. M. Berry.

Miss Agnes Doyle went to Freeport Tuesday to visit a week at the home of her brother, John Doyle.

Miss Nellie Smith of Sparta who has been working here, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Porter of Spring Lake returned home Tuesday after visiting a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Laura Clemons.

Miss Violet Woolston of Grand Rapids returned home Tuesday after visiting two weeks with her father, Chas. F. Woolston.

Mrs. Ezra Sweet and daughter, Hazel spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Ionia.

Mrs. L. F. Lemon and two children of Necedah, Kan., who are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Green, went to Ionia Tuesday to visit a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Q. Altenburg.

Mrs. Wm. Darby and four children of Greenville are guests at the home of Walter Salyer, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson and daughter, Bessie, Mrs. Lucinda Rinker and Mrs. Sarah Chase spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

Five cents a day for a short time is all it costs to rid yourself of rheumatism if you use Rheuma. Get a bottle from Wortley & French today on a money-back plan.

By the way—do you know it's your patriotic duty to trade AT HOME? Think it over and see if you can't find the answer.

NO MORE JOY RIDING OR SUNDAY TRIPS

GOVERNMENT OIL HEAD BANS USE OF GASOLINE FOR PLEASURE CARS OR TRIPS.

The fuel administration today called upon the public in the states east of the Mississippi river to cease using all classes of automobiles with a few named exceptions, motorcycles and motorboats, Sundays, until further notice, as a gasoline conservation measure.

Only voluntary compliance with the letter and spirit of the request will prevent the issuance of a mandatory order prohibiting the use of gasoline on Sundays, it was declared at the fuel administration. Automobiles for hire are included in the curtailment program.

Motor vehicles to which the restrictions do not apply were announced as follows:

Tractors and trucks employed in actual transportation of freight; vehicles of physicians, used in performance of professional duties; ambulances, fire apparatus, police patrol wagons, undertaker's wagons and conveyances used for funerals; railway equipment; repair outfits employed by telephone and public service companies; motor vehicles on errands of necessity in rural communities where transportation by steam and electricity is not available.

The action was taken by the fuel administration, it was stated, to meet a threatened shortage of gasoline for shipment overseas, created by increased domestic demands and extensive military operations in France.

After listing exceptions to the request, the fuel administration makes an appeal "to the patriotic men and women of America, east of the Mississippi river, to undertake, voluntarily, additional conservation in operating their own automobiles, wherever possible."

According to fuel administration authorities, 25 per cent of the consumption of fuel oil last year was wasted. The total production of petroleum for the United States for last year reached approximately 341,000,000 barrels, or 14,322,000,000 gallons.

Collectively, it is estimated by the oil conservation bureau that the annual losses from petroleum products and natural gas now approximate \$1,000,000,000 per year. At least \$95,000,000 of this amount is chargeable to fuel oil and \$115,000,000 to gasoline.

CAMPAIGN SHOWS GOOD WHEAT COMING

During the campaign for better wheat conducted for the U. S. department of agriculture by Prof. E. J. Petry, many farmers of Ionia county have again shown willingness to sow a good acreage of wheat despite last season's reverses.

The campaign has been concerned most directly with clean wheat, freedom from stinking smut, but cultural conditions and varieties have also been discussed.

Regarding varieties it is felt that the winter was so severe that Red Rock wheat or any other variety was heavily winter-killed, and no one is justified in deciding against Red Rock wheat unless he had other varieties alongside which stood the winter better. This has rarely occurred and more men report favorably than the reverse.

Earliness of sowing is important on these light soils and unless Hessian fly is a menace, which does not seem to be the case this year, early sowing should give good results.

Fertility and condition of the soil are two important factors that cannot be overlooked. Manure and acid phosphate, the latter in small quantities, say 150 to 200 lbs. per acre, are getting great results.

Uncle Sam is not asking too much when he asks that the same acreage of wheat be seeded this year as was put in last year, but more rye is asked for than ever and if 10 per cent higher acreage than last year is seeded mostly to Rosen rye, the farmers stand to gain considerably. Rye, this season, had considerable ergot (long, black grains), and this can be removed by putting rye into a strong brine made just the right strength to float the big black grains. These should be skimmed off and burned—to throw them away is to invite the disease back next year. Then dip out the grain or run off the brine and wash the grain free from brine since the brine kills the young rye plant when it sprouts.

Great interest has been shown all over the country in the formalin treatment of wheat for smut. It has been pointed out that covering grain for more than two hours is dangerous, and sacking the grain before perfectly dry, unless to drill immediately, is just as bad as covering too long with a blanket.

A new bulletin has just been issued by the U. S. D. A. and M. A. C. giving in detail the particular points that count in this treatment. This bulletin is being mailed as rapidly as possible to all farmers of the county. Prof. Petry will finish his work this week and requests for demonstrations, etc., should be sent to E. J. Petry, care of Frank Snobble, 510 W. Washington street, Ionia.

Prof. Petry has been called to South Haven to speak on Thursday, but expects to be in Ionia by Friday.

Publishers Enjoyed Outing
The publishers of Ionia, Barry and Eaton counties enjoyed themselves at Lake Odessa, at an outing which Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dann, of the Lake Odessa Wave-Times presided and gave their visitors a mighty good time and a splendid program for the day. O. F. Webster and mother of the Herald Publishing Co. and Ed. D. Engemann, of the Banner-News were also there from this city and they returned home Friday night, after the day's program had been brought to a close.

When you buy your next cigar, be sure and call for "Black Seal."—Adv.



Will every Red Cross worker please participate in the parade Labor day. Meet at the G. A. R. hall promptly at 9:15 o'clock a. m., next Monday; wear white dresses and caps. Come everyone, and help make the parade a success.

The sewing classes will resume work again after a month's well earned vacation. Meet on the regular days for such ward and meet for all day's work. The rooms will be open at 9 a. m. The quota of sewing must be finished by Sept. 20.

We again ask for the loan of two or three sewing machines.

The surgical dressings and knitting for August were delivered at headquarters on time and we will notify workers when the next quota arrives.

Knitters please take notice that double heel socks will not be accepted. There is such a difference in the sizes of needles that you can determine the size asked for for socks and the top of helmets by pinching a hole in a piece of paper with your needle and if it measures 1-8 of an inch by a rule it is the right size.

BUT FEW WERE PRESENT AT CO-OPERATIVE MEETING

FARMERS EVIDENTLY TOO BUSY TO BOTHER WITH FORMING OF NEW ASSOCIATION.

Only 20 farmers were present at the meeting which was called for Tuesday night at the city hall for the purpose of completing the organization of the Belding Farmers' association, a proposed cooperative concern which has as its aim and object the marketing of produce, grain, beans and other farm commodities for the farmers of this vicinity. In addition to this the concern would be organized so that it could also handle and carry on cooperative purchasing of practically everything which the farmers of this vicinity need.

Ira Richmond of Smyrna, was elected as chairman of the meeting and after a thorough discussion of the affair it was decided to affiliate with the Gleaner Clearing House of Detroit, doing away with the work so far accomplished in the organizing of the local association and becoming a part of the Detroit concern, which has branches in many Michigan cities and which is managed by Nathan F. Simpson, former warden of Jackson prison.

It was decided to hold another meeting on Tuesday, September 3, in the auditorium of the city hall, at 8 o'clock in the evening, at which time it is hoped every person who signed up for stock in the Belding Farmers' association will be present and agree to take stock in the Gleaners' Clearing House instead. In this way it is hoped that the organization may yet be completed before the time for it being a benefit this year has passed. Prof. E. J. Petry, who is working under the direction of the M. A. C., in the county, in demonstrating the formaldehyde treatment for the prevention of stinking smut, spoke to the farmers present, as did also Z. W. Storrs, agricultural instructor in the local high school. Both men were well received and gave good short talks which were appreciated.

Those who were there Tuesday evening were of the opinion that at least 75 men had ought to have turned out and hope that at the meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 3, that that number or more should be there to take up this important matter.

For A Family Of Five.
A family of five including two adults and three children under 12 years of age, under ordinary living conditions, should have stored for each month of the winter season the following food supplies: 1 bushel of Irish potatoes, 1-2 bushel of other root vegetables, such as carrots, turnips and parsnips; 25 quart cans of other vegetables; and 20 quarts of canned fruit and preserves. These figures are based on estimates by the United States department of agriculture, which adds that most of this should come from the home gardens. With these figures as a basis, it is thought that almost any family may calculate its requirements, taking into consideration the length of the winter season in any given locality.

Will Occupy Local Pulpit.
Rev. Chas. Nahas, of Muskegon, will occupy the pulpit in the local Church of Christ next Sunday and it may be that he will also preach at the open air union service next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Nahas comes as a possible candidate for the local pastorate and it is desired that a large number of the membership of the church turn out and hear him.

Henry Hicks, who has been putting in the past six weeks working in the harvest fields of South Dakota, came home Thursday. He was near Tyler, the city which was recently visited by a severe cyclone.

WEST MICHIGAN FAIR
GRAND RAPIDS
SEPT 16-20

Mrs. Albert Rich was called to Stanton Thursday to attend the funeral of her uncle, T. H. Luce, who was killed in a wreck in Jamestown, Fla. Mr. Luce was an engineer. The wreck was caused by a washout. He and his fireman were both scalded to death.

Real Estate For Sale

8 ROOM HOUSE on May street, modern, corner lot, maple shade, garage, large porches, in fine location. Price \$1,750.

8 ROOM HOUSE on East Center street, steam heat, inside toilet, electric lights, gas, non-resident owner. Cash or terms at a bargain price, \$1,250.

8 ROOM HOUSE on East Division street, toilet, cellar, city and cistern water to be sold on easy terms at \$1,100.

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Serve in your clothes buying; buy clothes of know value; clothes that will give you the most for your money.

Maybe you will not have to buy any; you may have clothes enough. That's queer advice for us to give when our living depends on the business we do, but our boys in France need all we can do without. If you need clothes, save by getting the best possible; the kind that last longest; good durable fabrics; staunch serviceable tailoring.

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Labor Day At Belding

You are cordially invited and urged to attend the big celebration at Belding on Monday, September 2, Labor Day, and enjoy the entertainment and amusements provided for the day.

The Empress Theatre

will offer as their program for that day one of Goldwyn's best productions, featuring

MAE MARSH IN "ALL WOMAN"

The theater will be a good place to rest and to meet your friends and in the mean time you will be enjoying one of the best photoplays on the screen today. The doors will be open after the big parade in the morning and you may at any time during the day and evening enjoy this play and a good place to rest.

Don't fail to come to Belding on Labor Day as it is to be one big grand celebration, and don't forget to see Mae Marsh in Goldwyn's "All Woman" at the Empress sometime during the day or evening.

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